

9.7 INFINITE GP AND ITS SUM

The geometric progression of the form a, ar, ar^2, \dots is called in Infinite GP.

Consider the GP. $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \dots$

Here $a = 1, r = \frac{1}{2}$ which is less than 1.

$$\therefore \text{Sum to } n \text{ terms, } S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{(1-r)} = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = 2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \right]$$

The following table shows, the value of $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$ for larger values of n .

n	1	2	3	10	20
$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$	0.5	0.25	0.125	0.000965	0.00000095

From the table, we observe that for larger values of n , $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$ becomes sufficiently small or

tends to 0, i.e., when $n \rightarrow \infty$, then $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \rightarrow 0$

The above sum becomes sum of an infinite of G.P. as n tends to ∞

$$\therefore S_{\infty} = 2(1 - 0) = 2$$

For a Geometric progression $a, ar, ar^2, \dots, S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} = \frac{a}{1-r} - \frac{ar^n}{1-r}$

Then r^n tends to 0 as n tends to ∞

\therefore Sum to infinity is denoted by S_{∞} or S

$$\therefore S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

Example 49

Find the sum to infinity : $1, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{9}, \dots$

Solution

This is an infinite GP with $a = 1, r = \frac{2}{3}$

$$\text{Since } |r| < 1, S = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)} = 3$$

Example 50

$$\text{Evaluate } 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots$$

Solution

This is an infinite geometric series with $a = 1, r = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore S = \frac{a}{1-r}, \text{ since } |r| < 1$$

$$S = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = 2$$

Example 51

$$\text{Evaluate } 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots$$

Solution

This is an infinite geometric series with $a = 1, r = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore S = \frac{a}{1-r}, \text{ since } |r| < 1$$

$$S = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Example 52

- i. Find the sum to infinity 6, 1.2, 0.24,
 ii. The first term of a G.P. is 2 and sum to infinity is 6. Find the common ratio.

Solution

i. Here $a = 6, r = \frac{1.2}{6} = 0.2$

$$\therefore \text{Sum to infinity } S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{6}{1-0.2} \\ = \frac{6}{0.8} = 7.5$$

ii. Given that $a = 2$ and $S_{\infty} = 6$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{1-r} = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{1-r} = 6 \Rightarrow 2 = 6 - 6r$$

$$\Rightarrow 6r = 4 \Rightarrow r = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Solutions to NCERT Exercise 9.4

Find the sum to infinity in each of the following Geometric Progression (Questions 1 to 4)

1. 1, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{9}$,

Solution

$$\text{Here } a = 1, r = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore S = \frac{a}{1-r}, \text{ since } |r| < 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$$

2. 6, 1.2, 0.24,

Solution

Refer Solution to Example 52(i)

3. 5, $\frac{20}{7}$, $\frac{80}{49}$,

Solution

$$\text{Here } a = 5, r = \frac{4}{7}$$

$$S = \frac{a}{1-r}, \text{ since } |r| < 1$$

$$= \frac{5}{1 - \frac{4}{7}} = \frac{5}{\frac{3}{7}} = \frac{35}{3}$$

$$4. \quad \frac{-3}{4}, \frac{3}{16}, \frac{-3}{64}, \dots$$

Solution

$$\text{Here } a = \frac{-3}{4}, r = \frac{-1}{4}$$

$$S = \frac{a}{1-r}, \text{ since } |r| < 1$$

$$= \frac{\frac{-3}{4}}{1 - \frac{-1}{4}} = \frac{\frac{-3}{4}}{\frac{5}{4}} = \frac{-3}{5}$$

$$5. \text{ Prove that } 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{4}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{8}} \times \dots = 3$$

$$\text{LHS} = 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{4}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{8}} \times \dots = 3^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Consider } \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

$$\text{This is a GP with } a = \frac{1}{2}, r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}}, \text{ since } |r| < 1$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = 1$$

$$\therefore (1) \text{ gives } 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{4}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{8}} \times \dots = 3^1 = 3$$

$$6. \text{ Let } x = 1 + a + a^2 + \dots; |a| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 1 + b + b^2 + \dots; |b| < 1$$

$$\text{Prove that } 1 + ab + a^2b^2 + \dots = \frac{xy}{x+y-1}$$

Solution

$1, a, a^2, \dots$ form an infinite GP with $|a| < 1$
 $1, b, b^2, \dots$ form an infinite GP with $|b| < 1$
 $1, ab, a^2b^2, \dots$ form an infinite GP with $|ab| < 1$, since $|a| < 1$ & $|b| < 1 \Rightarrow |ab| < 1$
 $\therefore x = 1 + a + a^2 + \dots$

$$x = \frac{1}{1-a} \Rightarrow 1-a = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow a = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{Similarly } y = \frac{1}{1-b} \Rightarrow 1-b = \frac{1}{y} \Rightarrow b = 1 - \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\text{Now } 1 + ab + a^2b^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-ab}$$

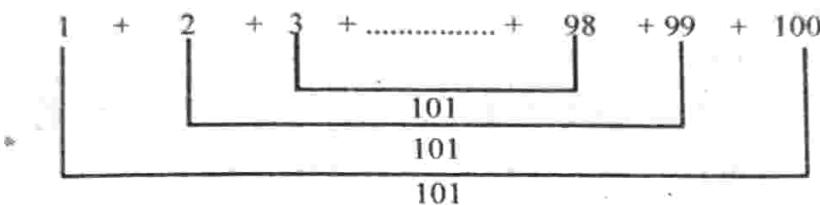
$$= \frac{1}{1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{y}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{(x-1)(y-1)}{xy}}$$

$$= \frac{xy}{xy - (xy - x - y + 1)} = \frac{xy}{x + y - 1}$$

9.8 SUM TO n TERMS OF SPECIAL SERIES

As a school boy, the German mathematician Carl Friedrich Gauss calculated the sum of the first 100 natural numbers, i.e., $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 99 + 100$ in a simple way as given below



In this way of addition by grouping terms, we get 50 sums of 101

$$\text{i.e., } 1 + 2 + \dots + 99 + 100 = (50) \underset{\substack{\rightarrow \text{Number of terms} \\ 101}}{101} = \left(\frac{100}{2}\right) \underset{\substack{\rightarrow \text{Sum of 1st and last term} \\ 101}}{101}$$

This formula can be extended to any number of natural numbers.

1. Sum of first n natural numbers.

$$\sum n = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n, \text{ an A.P. with } a=1, d=1$$

$$\therefore 1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n}{2}(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

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2. Sum of squares of first n natural numbers.

Consider the identity

$$x^3 - (x-1)^3 = 3x^2 - 3x + 1$$

Put $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ successively we get

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$$1 + 2 + \dots + n = \sum n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$



$$\begin{array}{llll}
 1^3 - 0^3 & = 3(1)^2 & - 3(1) & + 1 \\
 2^3 - 1^3 & = 3(2^2) & - 3(2) & + 1 \\
 3^3 - 2^3 & = 3(3^2) & - 3(3) & + 1 \\
 \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\
 (n-1)^3 - (n-2)^3 & = 3(n-1)^2 & - 3(n-1) & + 1 \\
 n^3 - (n-1)^3 & = 3(n^2) & - 3n & + 1
 \end{array}$$

Adding we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 n^3 &= \underbrace{3[1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2]}_{\text{i.e., } 3\sum n^2} - \underbrace{3[1 + 2 + \dots + n]}_{3\sum n} + n \\
 &\quad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e., } n^3 = 3\sum n^2 - 3\sum n + n \quad 3\sum n^2 = n^3 + 3\frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n$$

$$3\sum n^2 = \frac{2n^3 + 3n(n+1) - 2n}{2} = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{2} \quad \therefore \sum n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$\text{ie., } 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

3. Sum of cubes of first n natural numbers

Consider the identity

$$x^4 - (x-1)^4 = 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x - 1$$

Put $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ successively we get,

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 1^4 - 0^4 & = 4(1)^3 & - 6(1)^2 + 4(1) - 1 \\ 2^4 - 1^4 & = 4(2)^3 & - 6(2)^2 + 4(2) - 1 \\ 3^4 - 2^4 & = 4(3)^3 & - 6(3)^2 + 4(3) - 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ (n-1)^4 - (n-2)^4 & = 4(n-1)^3 & - 6(n-1)^2 + 4(n-1) - 1 \\ n^4 - (n-1)^4 & = 4(n^3) & - 6n^2 + 4n - 1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Adding we get, } n^4 = 4\sum n^3 - 6\sum n^2 + 4\sum n - n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 4\sum n^3 &= n^4 + 6\sum n^2 - 4\sum n + n \\ &= n^4 + n(n+1)(2n+1) - 2n(n+1) + n \\ &= n[n^3 + 2n^2 + 2n + n + 1 - 2n - 2n + 1] \\ &= n[n^3 + 2n^2 + n] = n^2(n^2 + 2n + 1) \\ &= n^2(n+1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sum n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4} = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$$

$$\text{ie., } 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$$

Example 53

Find the sum to n terms of the series whose n^{th} term is $n(n+3)$.

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Solution

$$a_n = n(n+3) = n^2 + 3n$$

$$\text{Sum to } n \text{ terms} = \sum a_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum(n^2 + 3n) \\ &= \sum n^2 + 3\sum n \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{3n(n+1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= n(n+1) \left[\frac{2n+1}{6} + \frac{3}{2} \right] \\
 &= n(n+1) \left[\frac{(2n+1+9)}{6} \right] \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)2(n+5)}{6} \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(n+5)}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 54

Find the sum to n terms of the series

$$1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + 4 \times 5 + \dots$$

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Solution

Let a_n be the n^{th} term.

$$\therefore a_n = (n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of A.P } 1, 2, 3, \dots) \quad (n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of AP } 2, 3, 4, \dots) = n(n+1) = n^2 + n$$

$$\text{Sum to } n \text{ terms} = \sum(n^2 + n)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum n^2 + \sum n = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[\frac{2n+1}{3} + 1 \right] \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+4)}{6} = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 55

i. Find the n^{th} term of the series $2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + 4 \times 5 + \dots$

ii. Find the sum of first n terms of this series.

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Solution

i. Let a_n be the n^{th} term.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore a_n &= (n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the A.P } 2, 3, 4, \dots) \quad (n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the A.P } 3, 4, 5, \dots) \\
 &= (n+1)(n+2) = n^2 + 3n + 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{ii. Sum to } n \text{ terms} = \sum(n^2 + 3n + 2) = \sum n^2 + 3\sum n + 2\sum(1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{3n(n+1)}{2} + 2n \\
 &= \frac{n}{6} [(n+1)(2n+1) + 9(n+1) + 12] = \frac{n}{6}(2n^2 + 12n + 22) \\
 &= \frac{n}{3}(n^2 + 6n + 11)
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 56Find the sum to n terms of the series $3 \times 1^2 + 5 \times 2^2 + 7 \times 3^2 + \dots$

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SolutionLet a_n be the n^{th} term.

$$\therefore a_n = (\text{n^{th} term of A.P } 3, 5, 7, \dots) (\text{n^{th} term of } 1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots) = (2n+1)(n^2) = 2n^3 + n^2$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum to } n \text{ terms} = 2\sum n^3 + \sum n^2 = 2\left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right]^2 + \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[2\left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right) + \frac{2n+1}{3} \right] = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[\frac{3n(n+1) + 2n+1}{3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[\frac{3n^2 + 3n + 2n + 1}{3} \right] = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[\frac{3n^2 + 5n + 1}{3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(3n^2 + 5n + 1)}{6}$$

Example 57Find the sum to n terms of the series whose n^{th} term is $n(n+1)(n+4)$

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Solution

$$a_n = n(n+1)(n+4) = n(n^2 + 5n + 4) = n^3 + 5n^2 + 4n$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum to } n \text{ terms} = \sum n^3 + 5\sum n^2 + 4\sum n$$

$$= \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 + \frac{5n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{4n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{5(2n+1)}{3} + 4 \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[\frac{3n(n+1) + 10(2n+1) + 24}{6} \right] = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[\frac{3n^2 + 3n + 20n + 10 + 24}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left(\frac{3n^2 + 23n + 34}{6} \right) = \frac{n(n+1)}{12} (3n^2 + 23n + 34)$$

Example 58

Find the sum to n terms of the series $5 + 11 + 19 + 29 + 41 + \dots$

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Solution

$$\text{Let } S_n = 5 + 11 + 19 + 29 + \dots + a_{n-1} + a_n$$

$$\text{Again } S_n = 5 + 11 + 19 + \dots + a_{n-2} + a_{n-1} + a_n$$

Substracting, we get

$$0 = 5 + 6 + 8 + 10 + \dots \text{ to } (n-1) \text{ terms} - a_n$$

$$\therefore a_n = 5 + 6 + 8 + 10 + \dots \text{ to } n-1 \text{ terms}$$

$$= 5 + [6 + 8 + 10 + \dots \text{ to } n-1 \text{ terms}]$$

$$= 5 + \left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) [2 \times 6 + (n-2)2], \text{ Since } 6, 8, 10, \dots \text{ is an AP with } a = 6, d = 2$$

$$= 5 + \frac{(n-1)(12+2n-4)}{2}$$

$$= 5 + \frac{(n-1)(2n+8)}{2}$$

$$= 5 + (n-1)(n+4)$$

$$= 5 + n^2 + 3n - 4$$

$$= n^2 + 3n + 1$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum to } n \text{ terms} = \sum a_n$$

$$= \sum (n^2 + 3n + 1)$$

$$= \sum n^2 + 3 \sum n + \sum 1$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{3n(n+1)}{2} + n$$

$$= n \left[\frac{2n^2 + 3n + 1}{6} + \frac{3n + 3}{2} + 1 \right]$$

$$= n \left[\frac{2n^2 + 3n + 1 + 9n + 9 + 6}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n[2n^2 + 12n + 16]}{6}$$

$$= \frac{n[n^2 + 6n + 8]}{3} = \frac{n(n+2)(n+4)}{3}$$

SOLUTIONS TO NCERT TEXT BOOK EXERCISE 9.5

Find the sum to n terms of each of the series in Questions 1 to 7.

1. $1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + 4 \times 5 + \dots$
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Solution

Refer example 54

2. $1 \times 2 \times 3 + 2 \times 3 \times 4 + 3 \times 4 \times 5 + \dots$
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Solution

Let a_n be the n^{th} term

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= (n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of A.P } 1, 2, 3, \dots) \\ &\quad \times (n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of A.P } 2, 3, 4, \dots) \\ &\quad \times (n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of A.P } 3, 4, 5, \dots) \\ &= n(n+1)(n+2) \\ &= (n^2 + n)(n+2) \\ &= n^3 + 2n^2 + n^2 + 2n \\ &= n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Sum to } n \text{ terms} &= \sum(n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n) \\ &= \sum n^3 + 3 \sum n^2 + 2 \sum n \\ &= \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 + 3 \left[\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right] \\ &\quad + 2 \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (2n+1) + 2 \right] \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[\frac{n(n+1) + 2(2n+1) + 4}{2} \right] \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[\frac{n^2 + n + 4n + 6}{2} \right] \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[\frac{n^2 + 5n + 6}{2} \right] \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4} \\ 3. \quad 3 \times 1^2 + 5 \times 2^2 + 7 \times 3^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Solution

Refer example 56

4. $\frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \dots$

Solution

Let a_n be the n^{th} term

$$\text{i.e., } a_n = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \quad \dots \quad \dots$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$\text{Sum} = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{n}{n+1}$$

$$5. \quad 5^2 + 6^2 + 7^2 + \dots + 20^2$$

Solution

$$\text{Sum} = (1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + 20^2) - (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2)$$

$$= \frac{20(20+1)(40+1)}{6} - 30$$

$$= \frac{17220}{6} - 30 = 2870 - 30 = 2840$$

6. $3 \times 8 + 6 \times 11 + 9 \times 14 + \dots$

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Solution

Let a_n be the n^{th} term

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= (n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 3, 6, 9 \dots) \\ &\quad \times (n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 8, 11, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

$$= [3 + (n-1)3][8 + (n-1)3]$$

$$= 3n(3n+5) = 9n^2 + 15n$$

$$\text{Sum} = 9 \sum n^2 + 15 \sum n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 9\left(\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}\right) + 15\left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right) \\
 &= \frac{3n(n+1)(2n+1)}{2} + \frac{15n(n+1)}{2} \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} [3(2n+1) + 15] \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} (6n+18)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$7. 1^2 + (1^2 + 2^2) + (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2) + \dots$$

Solution

Let a_n be the n^{th} term.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} = \frac{1}{6} (2n^3 + 3n^2 + n)
 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Sum to n terms

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{6} [2\sum n^3 + 3\sum n^2 + \sum n] \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} \left[2\left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2 + 3\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} \left[\frac{[n(n+1)]^2}{2} + \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{2} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{12} [n(n+1) + (2n+1) + 1] \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{12} (n^2 + n + 2n + 2) \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{12} (n^2 + 3n + 2) \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(n+1)(n+2)}{12} \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)^2(n+2)}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

Find the sum to n terms of the series in Questions 8 to 10 whose n^{th} terms is given by

$$8. n(n+1)(n+4)$$

Solution Refer example 57

$$9. n^2 + 2^n$$

Solution

$$\text{Let } a_n = n^2 + 2^n$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum to } n \text{ terms} = \sum n^2 + \sum 2^n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + [2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots \text{ to } n \text{ terms}] \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{2(2^n - 1)}{2-1} \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + 2(2^n - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$10. (2n-1)^2$$

Solution

$$\text{Let } a_n = (2n-1)^2 = 4n^2 - 4n + 1$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum to } n \text{ terms}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 4\sum n^2 - 4\sum n + \sum 1 \\
 &= \frac{4n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - \frac{4n(n+1)}{2} + n \\
 &= \frac{n}{2} \left[\frac{4(n+1)(2n+1)}{3} - 4(n+1) + 2 \right] \\
 &= \frac{n}{2} \left[\frac{4(2n^2 + 3n + 1) - 12n - 12 + 6}{3} \right] \\
 &= \frac{n}{6} [8n^2 + 12n + 4 - 12n - 6] \\
 &= \frac{n}{6} (8n^2 - 2) \\
 &= \frac{n}{3} (4n^2 - 1) = \frac{n}{3} (2n+1)(2n-1)
 \end{aligned}$$